

Questions

Mr. BENNETT: No, Mr. Speaker; I submit that number 3 must be stricken out.

Mr. GARDINER: Mr. Speaker, if you will allow the question to stand as submitted by myself, I will reconsider number 3; but I cannot see the argument of the Prime Minister at the moment.

Mr. SPEAKER: Paragraphs 4, 5, and 6 dropped; the remainder of the question stands.

Question as amended stands.

MR. H. G. BOULAY

Sir EUGENE FISET:

1. Is it the intention of the government to implement the following public promises made by its candidate in the county of Rimouski, Mr. H. G. Boulay, if his leader came to power, namely: (a) to reduce the salary of Sir Henry Thornton to \$15,000 per annum; (b) to reduce the salaries of all vice-presidents and other high officials of the Canadian National Railways, including general managers of divisions, by 50 per cent; (c) to provide on all dining and buffet cars, pullman parlour cars, first and second class cars, being operated between Ottawa and Montreal, Montreal and Halifax, only employees who speak fluently French and English?

2. Has any request been received by the Minister of Railways and Canals, or by Sir Henry Thornton, or any other high officials of the Canadian National Railways, from Mr. H. G. Boulay, asking that a large portion, if not all, of the sub-staff and railway employees employed on trains operating between Ottawa and Montreal, Montreal and Halifax, be compelled to speak both French and English?

3. If so, what action does the honourable minister or the executive of the Canadian National Railways intend to take?

Mr. MANION: In regard to question number 12, the Prime Minister pointed out some days ago what I think was correct, namely, that this is not a proper question for the order paper; and you yourself, Mr. Speaker, said that the question should be dropped. It is still, however, on the order paper. It is not one that we can answer, nor is it a proper question for the order paper.

Sir EUGENE FISET: I understand that during my absence the minister asked that the question be dropped. In view of his request, and as this is about the best answer I could possibly obtain to my question, I have no objection to the question being dropped.

Question dropped.

VANCOUVER HARBOUR COMMISSION—PURCHASE
OF BARGE

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver):

1. Did the Vancouver Board of Harbour Commissioners recently purchase a railway barge?

[Mr. Speaker.]

2. If so, was this barge purchased in the United States?

3. Who arranged such purchase?

4. What are the dimensions of this barge?

5. When was this barge originally constructed?

6. What was the purchase price?

7. What was the cost of towing this barge to Vancouver?

8. What was the cost of insurance on the said barge?

9. From whom was the barge acquired?

10. Was the barge acquired from an American corporation or through an agency?

11. In whose name was the barge cleared through the American customs?

12. To whom was the insurance on the barge paid?

Mr. BENNETT: As I have explained, this question can be answered only in the manner indicated yesterday, by sending a letter to the harbour commissioners and presenting their reply to the house. The government has no direct control over the commission in the sense implied by these questions. If the hon. gentleman desires that we should write a letter, sending a copy of the questions and submitting an answer to the house, we will do so.

Mr. POWER: In the meanwhile, if I may suggest it, why not make it an order for return?

Mr. BENNETT: If that is acceptable, it may stand as an order for return.

Question stands as order for return.

WRECKING PLANTS

Mr. PLUNKETT:

1. How much money by way of subsidies has been voted yearly from 1921 to 1930, inclusive, for wrecking plants in the province of British Columbia?

2. How much money by way of subsidies has been voted yearly from 1921 to 1930, inclusive, for wrecking plants in the province of Quebec?

3. What is the tonnage of the ships of the wrecking plant and total amount of investment exclusive of subsidies from federal government for the province of British Columbia?

4. What is the tonnage of the ships of the wrecking plant and total amount of investment exclusive of subsidies from federal government for the province of Quebec?

5. What is the total amount of money lost in wrecks by shipping interests from 1921 to 1930, inclusive, upon which the subsidized wrecking plant of the province of British Columbia was engaged?

6. What is the total amount of money lost in wrecks by shipping interests from 1921 to 1930, inclusive, upon which the subsidized wrecking plant of the province of Quebec was engaged?

Mr. BENNETT: This must stand as an order for return, as I said the other day, in view of the number of questions and the years covered.

Question stands as order for return.